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USTA Northern News & Notes

Darren Iverson Breaks Tennis World Record

Congratulations to Darren Iverson of Montgomery, Minn., who braved the rain and cold on May 29-30 in setting a Guinness World Record for most consecutive tennis matches played at 35. Iverson, who is the girls tennis coach at local Faribault High School, broke the existing record of 33 set by Jerome Lacorte in Hong Kong in November of 2014. Iverson started his record attempt at 7 a.m. Friday in the pouring rain, and finally broke the record with the sun setting behind him at 7:30 Saturday evening when he played former Faribault player Dat Truong in his 34th match. He played one additional match for good measure before finally calling it quits surrounded by his family and friends. Per Guinness rules, Iverson played 35 different opponents in the best of three tiebreak sets with 90 seconds rest on changeovers and two minutes between sets. He then had one minute between the end of a match and the start of another and did receive “a couple” of bathroom/ change of attire breaks. Iverson’s attempt was held in conjunction with a Tennis Block Party on May 30 raising awareness about the many tennis opportunities in Faribault.

Jerry Caulfield and Jerry Lyon Selected For North Dakota Hall of Fame

Congratulations to teaching professional Jerry Caulfield of Fargo, N.D., and long-time high school tennis coach Jerry Lyon of Minot, N.D., as both will be inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame on August 1 in Bismarck, N.D. Caulfield has been teaching at Courts Plus Community Fitness for over 40 years, while Lyon has coached boys and girls tennis for 33 years at Minot High School.

Rochester Native Bethanie Mattek-Sands Wins Two French Open Titles

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who grew up in Rochester, Minn., won both the women’s doubles and mixed doubles titles at the 2015 French Open Championships in Paris. Mattek-Sands (right) teamed with Lucie Safarova to win their second Grand Slam title of the year and are half way to the Grand Slam. In mixed, she partnered with Mike Bryan to win her second mixed doubles Grand Slam championship.

Come Watch The US Open Northern Section Qualifier June 18-21

Baseline Tennis Center will once again play host to the US Open National Playoffs Northern Sectional Qualifying Tournament June 18-21. Many of the Section’s best players are competing in this event. Admission is free.
Thank You USTA Northern Sponsors and Partners

Register For All These Great Summer Tournaments

- **20th Annual Aquatennial Tennis Classic in Downtown Minneapolis July 13-24**
  Registration is now open for the 2015 Aquatennial Tennis Classic July 13-24 on the Plaza (2nd Ave. & 5th Street near the Lightrail Tracks) in downtown Minneapolis. The qualifying event is scheduled for July 13-15, while the main draw will start July 16. Events include men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles and you can play two events. To register, [click here](#).

- **USTA Northern Sectional Championships June 19-21 at Baseline Tennis Center**
  The event is even age group and NTRP in men and women's singles, doubles and mixed. [Click here to register](#).

- **National Public Parks Tournament in Sioux Falls July 22-26; Total Purse For Open Events $10,000**
  The City of Sioux Falls is playing host to the 2015 National Public Parks Championships July 22-26. Both age group and NTRP levels events are offered, as well as Open draws where the total purse is $10,000. To register, [click here](#).

- **Life Time Athletic – Eden Prairie Playing Host to 65 & Over Category I Men’s Nationals August 11-16**
  Life Time Athletic – Eden Prairie and USTA Northern are playing host to the Men’s 65 & Over Category I National Indoor Championships August 11-16. The event is open to all men 65 and over. To register, [click here](#).

- **InnerCity Tennis Adult & Senior Clay Courts August 24-30 at Wayzata Country Club**
  This is a fundraiser for InnerCity Tennis with play in the men's and women's 40-80 singles and doubles. To register, [click here](#).

**USTA Northern Hall of Fame Ceremony October 2 at Minneapolis Club**
The 2015 USTA Northern Hall of Fame ceremony is set for October 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Minneapolis Club in Minneapolis. Nominations are being accepted now from the public online at [http://bit.ly/1H4Lk8C](http://bit.ly/1H4Lk8C). You can also submit an electronic copy of your nomination to mushett@northern.usta.com or a paper copy to USTA Northern, Attn: Lisa Mushett at 1001 W. 98th Street, Ste. 101, Bloomington, Minn., 55431. Deadline for nominations is July 24, 2015.

**Nominations Being Accepted For USTA Northern Annual Awards**
Recognize deserving individuals or organizations by nominating them for a 2015 USTA Northern Annual Award. To nominate an individual or organization online, visit [http://bit.ly/1CL5y14](http://bit.ly/1CL5y14). You can also submit an electronic copy of your nomination to mushett@northern.usta.com or a paper copy to USTA Northern, Attn: Lisa Mushett at 1001 W. 98th Street, Ste. 101, Bloomington, Minn., 55431. Deadline for nominations is September 18, 2015.

**Tim Kurtt Resigns As Northern Chair of Officials**
Long-time USTA Northern Chair of Officials Tim Kurtt (St. Paul, Minn.) has resigned his post effective June 22. Kurtt is the most decorated official to ever come out of USTA Northern and is recognized as one of the best officials in the world. He is one of only a handful of people worldwide to have worked all four Grand Slams and the Olympics multiple times. USTA Northern has been fortunate to have Tim as a leader, mentor and role model during his service to the officials organization all these years.

In the meantime, the Section is in discussions about how to move forward. If anyone is interested in increasing their role within the officials organization for our Section, or has suggestions, please feel free to contact Kristi Bushinski or Mike Goldammer.

**Junior News**

**Summer Junior Team Tennis Schedules Available**
Summer Junior Team Tennis schedules are now published. To view them, visit: [http://tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis](http://tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis).

**USTA Northern Looking For Facilities Or Organizations To Host Entry-Level 8 Tournaments**
USTA Northern is looking for facilities and/or organizations to play host to the new Level 8 tournaments. Level 8 tournaments are beginning, entry-level tournaments that are non-ranking, non-eliminating, half/full day events and no USTA Membership is required. These events are for 12U and 14U and will be played with the green ball. To learn more, please contact Pat Colbert.

**Hunter Heck Wins Boys 14s National Selection Tournament**
Hunter Heck (New Brighton, Minn.) upset three seeded players to win the Boys 14s USTA National Selection Tournament in Elm Grove, Wis. Heck opened the tournament by taking out #5 seed Nicholas Pustilnik of Brooklyn, N.Y. 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. In
the next round, Heck beat Luke Baylis of Clarkston, Mich. 6-3, 6-1. Third-seed Ronald Hohmann of Oyster Bay, N.Y., was the next victim as Heck won 6-0, 4-6, 6-3. In the semifinals, he defeated Ethan Leon of Woodhaven, N.Y. 6-4, 6-1 before upsetting #2 seed Connor Fu of Andover, Mass. 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

**Rochester's Ingrid Neel Invited To USTA Player Development Match Play Camp**

Ingrid Neel of Rochester, Minn., was invited to the USTA Girls Player Development Match Play Camp May 18-23 at the USTA National Training Center in Boca Raton, Fla. Players from across the country born between 1998-2001 participated in the camp. Lead National Coach Kathy Rinaldi and National Coach Jamea Jackson oversaw the camp.

**Congratulations State High School Tournament Winners**

Congratulations to all of the players and teams who participated in their respective spring High School State Tournaments, and especially those who won championships.

**Minnesota Boys**

Class AA: Team: Mounds View; Singles: Toby Boyer (Forest Lake); Doubles: Carter Mason/Anthony Rosa (Eden Prairie)

Class A: Team: Blake; Singles: Charlie Adams (Blake); Doubles: Jack Barker/Tiernan Foster-Smith (Blake)

**North Dakota Girls**

Team: Grand Forks Red River

Singles: Cindy Lim (Grand Forks Red River); Doubles: Maddie Anderson/Alexis Caoli (Grand Forks Red River)

**South Dakota Boys**

Team: Sioux Falls Lincoln

Singles: Flight 1: Kaleb Dobbs (Lincoln); Flight 2: Elliot Hartwig (SF Washington); Flight 3: Alex Hegg (Mitchell); Flight 4: Will McDowell (SF O'Gorman); Flight 5: Eric Rossing (SF Lincoln); Flight 6: Jacob Dahme (SF Lincoln)

Doubles: Flight 1: Kaleb Dobbs/Sam Dobbs (SF Lincoln); Flight 2: Cade Damgaard/Will McDowell (O'Gorman); Flight 3: Jacob Dahme/Brenden Lehr (Mitchell)

**Wisconsin**

Team: Eau Claire Memorial is playing in the team finals June 12-13 in Madison.

**Individuals:** No Individual winners from USTA Northern.

**Adults News**

**USTA Northern Running Leagues Education Series**

All captains and players are invited to learn more about USTA Northern League Tennis this spring and summer through our new Captain and Player Education Series. Two sessions are scheduled for the following dates at the USTA Northern Offices at Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South.

- Tuesday, June 16: TennisLink: USTA Rules & Regulations
- Tuesday, July 21: NTRP & Everything Ratings

Each session will be offered twice that day - once in person at the USTA Northern Office from 12 Noon from 1:00 p.m. (refreshments will be provided) and later via webinar from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Nancy Lundberg and indicate session date and time.

**Dan James And Jon Rydberg Lead US Men's Wheelchair Team At World Team Cup In Turkey**

The U.S. men's wheelchair team, led by coach Dan James (St. Paul, Minn.) and Jon Rydberg (Woodbury, Minn.) finished 11th at the 2015 BNP Paribas World Team Cup at Ali Bey Resort Manavgat in Antalya, Turkey. The World Team Cup is the ITF’s flagship wheelchair tennis event, often referred to as the Davis/Fed Cup of wheelchair tennis.

**Five Former USTA Northern Players Earn Division III All-America Honors**

Congrats to these USTA Northern players who were named Division III All-Americans in 2015: Caroline Ward (Claremont-Mudd-Scripps), Helen Klass-Warch (Wesleyan), Noah Sprinkel (Coe), Motasen Al-Houni and Andres Saenz (Gustavus).

**Dusty Boyer Wins US Open Missouri Valley Singles and Mixed Doubles Qualifier**

Congrats to former USTA Northern junior player and current Nebraska standout Dusty Boyer (Ham Lake, Minn.) who defeated Alex Brown 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 in the men's singles final of the US Open Missouri Valley Sectional Qualifying tennis tournament in Prairie Village, Kan., and will play in the US Open National Qualifier in August. Boyer also partnered with Julia Schiller in winning the mixed doubles title.
**Millennials: Join Us For No Strings Attached Drop-In Events & 4Play Tournament Series**

Millennials... here are more great opportunities to Find Yourself in the Game with our No Strings Attached FREE Drop In Events June 25; July 16, 30; August 6, 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Hamline University Tennis Courts in St. Paul, Minn. For more information, contact Brandon Jackson.

**French Open 4Play Millennial Tournament A Success; Wimbledon 4Play Up Next July 11**

Twenty-four players enjoyed a day of clay court tennis, food, drinks and fun at the first ever French Open 4Play event at Wayzata Country Club. The next event is the Wimbledon 4Play Tournament July 11 at a site TBD. To see photos from the French Open event, click here. For more information about the July 11 event, contact Brandon Jackson.

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**Community News**

**Save The Date: Tennis Development Workshop November 5-8 in San Diego**

The 2015 USTA Tennis Development Workshop is November 5-8 in San Diego, Calif.

**Save The Date Part 2: USTA Northern Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner November 20**

USTA Northern will be hosting its 2015 Annual Meeting and Annual Awards Dinner Friday, Nov. 20, at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. More details to follow soon.

**Phil Brauer Named New Director of Tennis At Huether Family Match Pointe**

Congratulations to Phil Brauer who was named the new Director of Tennis at Huether Family Match Pointe in Sioux Falls. Brauer, who comes from Life Time Fitness – Oakdale Village in Minnetonka, Minn., starts in July.

**Nathan Meehling Named ED of Greater Mankato Community Tennis Association**

The Greater Mankato Community Tennis Association (GMCTA) has appointed Nathan A. Meehling as Executive Director. Meehling earned Big9 and NCC tennis all-conference honors playing for Mankato West High School and Minnesota State University, Mankato, respectively. He has played on several USTA adult tennis teams and is a former tennis coach for Dakota Meadows Middle School and Mankato West High School. He is a GMCTA founding board member, serving on the board and as a trustee since 2010.

**Four Schools Selected For Adopt-A-Team Campaign**

The Northern Tennis Foundation has selected four different schools as part of its Adopt-A-Team fundraising opportunity. The recipients are Columbia Heights (Minn.) High School, Fridley (Minn.) High School, Harding High School in St. Paul, Minn., and Humboldt High School, also in St. Paul. The fundraising goal is to raise at least $1,000 per school to provide much needed financial support for their tennis program. To donate to the program, please contact Sandy Smith at (952) 358-3288.

**May Grant Winners**

Congratulations to the following communities, organizations and schools who received either Community Tennis Grants or High School Tennis Facility Grants from the USTA in May.

**Community Tennis Grants:**
- $3,000 to Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center to support implementation of a new 10 week tennis and education curriculum.
- $3,000 to Menomonie Area Schools to support a three-year middle school tennis sustainability plan.
- $1,215 to Hastings Tennis Association for creation of a new web site.
- $1,000 to Hastings Tennis Association to support new adult tennis programming in 2016.
- $750 to Black Hills Tennis Association to support new Play Days.
- $600 to Park Rapids Tennis Association to support free tennis programming for under-resourced youth and adults.

**High School Tennis Facility Grants ($500 each):**
- Robbinsdale Cooper (Minn.) High School
- Rapid City Central (S.D.) High School
- Aitkin (Minn.) High School
- Brainerd (Minn.) High School
- Faribault (Minn.) High School
- Harding (St. Paul, Minn.) High School
Montevideo (Minn.) High School
Sleepy Eye (Minn.) High School
St. Paul Washington (Minn.) High School
Coon Rapids (Minn.) High School
Menomonie (Wis.) High School
Fridley (Minn.) High School

Special Olympics State Games Coming Up; Volunteers Needed!
Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games June 20, at Stillwater Area High School. For more information, please contact Tony Stingley.

Want To Volunteer With USTA Northern? Register In Our Volunteer Network
Are you passionate about tennis and interested in giving back to the game you love? Then you've come to the right place. USTA Northern has a rich history of dedicated volunteers, all of whom share the same fundamental drive that gives them the passion to volunteer: they all love tennis. Prior volunteer experience is not required! Fill out a volunteer form today. For additional information, please contact Sandy Smith at 952-358-3288.

USTA Northern Offers A Premier Provider Program
In an effort to publicly recognize and thank local providers who go above and beyond to offer tennis programming in their community, USTA Northern has initiated a Premier Provider Program. Members of this elite program receive exclusive benefits and receive priority for future grants. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2015. For more about the program and an application, click here. Questions? Contact Sandy Smith.

What Are The Top USTA Northern Partner Resources?
Learn about the top resources that USTA Northern offers to local tennis providers to help promote and develop the growth of tennis through this webinar. To view, click here.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines
There are many grants which could assist you with upcoming events in April, May and June including:

- **Event Donations:** USTA Northern recognizes the importance of community involvement and tries to participate in the many charitable events organized by our tennis family each year. Community organizations may request in-kind support by completing a Donation Request Form. We will do our best to support your event with a reasonable donation provided it meets our giving guidelines. Requests must be received at least six weeks prior to the event date. Contact Christine Nickels for more information.

- **Marketing Grant For First-Time Event Hosts:** USTA Northern is offering up to $150 of marketing money for organizations who host a tennis event. These grants are only for organizations who have never hosted a tennis registration or play event. For more information, contact Lisa Mushett.

- **Northern Tennis Foundation Red, Orange, Green Equipment Starter Kit:** USTA Northern and the Northern Tennis Foundation are pleased to offer an equipment grant to schools that have more than 50% of the student population on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Each school will qualify for a package of the following: up to 35 tennis racquets (depending on class size), 36 foam or red felt tennis balls, 1 roll of tennis caution tape. Requests will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. Priority is given to those who have attended a USTA Teacher Workshop or Red, Orange, Green (10 and Under) Workshop.

- **10 and Under Tennis Line Grants Still Available**
  Matching funds (up to 75% of cost) are available through USTA and USTA Northern for creating permanent courts/lines for 10 and Under Tennis. For more information, contact Christine Nickels.

Other USTA Northern Notes, Special Offers and Promotions

FREE USTA Marketing Materials Available
USTA has developed an ad customization system where you can design marketing materials for use in your community for things such as USTA Junior Team Tennis, USTA League Tennis, 10 and Under Tennis, Youth Registration Night and much, much more. To use this FREE system, please click here.

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Twitter: www.twitter.com/ustanorthern
YouTube: www.youtube.com/ustanorthern
FREE USTA Membership For Kids 10 and Under
The USTA is offering a free 1-year membership to all first-time members who are 10 and under between now and December 31, 2015. To register your child, please click here and enter source code FYF15PRV or call (800) 990-8782.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events
For a list of junior tournaments coming up in USTA Northern, click here. For a list of adult tournaments, click here. For a calendar of Section events, click here.

For more information about USTA Northern information and events, please contact Lisa Mushett at mushett@northern.usta.com or at (952) 358-3282.